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## **Genesis - What really happened at UTTR?**

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Many of us are familiar with the precision delivery of the Genesis Sample Return Capsule to Earth at the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) on September 8, 2004, including the final seconds of a tumbling capsule plunging to the surface. This talk starts at that fateful moment and works back though time with an audio and video travelogue of the preparation and training for NASA's first sample return since Apollo. See training footage of the helicopter mid-air capture (including a rare clip of a novel technique for stowing the parafoil). Watch a small army of scientists, bending over a fractured canister with C-clamps, hack-saws, spoons and tweezers, scramble to recover and preserve the solar wind collector payload.

***Everyone is welcome.***

